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SUBJ: ANCHOVY SITUATION

1. COMMERCIAL SCALE ANCHOVY FISHING NOW EXPECTED BEGIN OCTOBER
7 ENTIRE PERUVIAN COAST, WITH FURTHER PRELIMINARY SURVEYS
UNLIKELY.

2. TENTATIVE QUOTA OF 2.5 MILLION M.T. ANCHOVIES PROPOSED
ALTHOUGH SOME QUESTION THIS QUANTITY ATTAINABLE.

3. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE SEPTEMBER 2-5 OPERACION EUREKA
BUT RESULTS BELIEVED SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING. EXPECTED
CONCENTRATIONS ANCHOVIES REPORTEDLY NOT FOUND AND CONTINUED
SPAWNING SOME AREAS INDICATE POSSIBLE SEASONAL DELAY.

4. BELIEVE SCIENTISTS RECOMMENDING POSTPONEMENT AND SMALLER
QUOTA, BUT PRESSURES FROM FISHERMEN LIKELY FORCE POLITICAL
DECISION.

5. MINISTRY FISHERIES REPORTS FISH MEAL PRODUCTION THROUGH JUNE
567,000 M.T. POSSIBLY ANOTHER 20,000 M.T. PRODUCED
TO DATE.

6. SHIPMENTS THROUGH JUNE 128,000 M.T. WITH 115,000 M.T. BELIEVED
SCHEDULED FOR EXPORT JULY AND AUGUST. ABOUT 350,000 M.T.
CONTRACTED FOR DELIVERY REMAINDER 1974 WITH POSSIBLY 50,000 M.T.
SOLD FOR 1975.

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7. EPCHAP REPORTS SLOW DEMAND AND PLANS NO FURTHER SALES UNTIL

AFTER FISHING SITUATION CLARIFIED.

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